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RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO OCA REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION (September 9, 1997)

The Postal Service hereby responds to the following requests for admission from the OCA, filed on August 26, 1997. Each request is stated verbatim, and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

By its attorneys:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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1. The SAS program files contained in library reference H-218 will not produce the results of library reference H-146 when run in a PC SAS environment.

RESPONSE:

While the Postal Service did not use PC SAS to develop either LR-H-146 or LR-H-218, on the basis of witness Degen's response to OCA/USPS-T12-37, filed September 5, 1997, the Postal Service is willing to admit this statement.

2. The SAS program files contained in library reference H-218 will not generate SAS logs showing the proper number of observations in each data set when run in a PC SAS environment.

RESPONSE:

While the Postal Service did not use PC SAS to develop either LR-H-146 or LR-H-218, on the basis of witness Degen's response to OCA/USPS-T12-37, filed September 5, 1997, the Postal Service is willing to admit this statement.

3. The SAS program files included in H-218 must be modified in order for them to produce the output of H-146 in a PC SAS environment.

RESPONSE:

While the Postal Service did not use PC SAS to develop either LR-H-146 or LR-H-218, on the basis of witness Degen's response to OCA/USPS-T12-37, filed September 5, 1997, the Postal Service is willing to admit this statement.

4. The H-218 SAS programs as modified in OCA-LR-1 will execute correctly and produce the results of H-146 in a PC SAS environment.

RESPONSE:

The Postal Service lacks an adequate basis to either admit or deny this statement.

The Postal Service did not use PC SAS to develop either LR-H-146 or LR-H-218.

For further information, please see witness Degen's response to OCA/USPS-T12-37, filed September 5, 1997.